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**Slaughter Promises New Direction as Chairwoman of Rules Committee**

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, was today elected as the first woman in the history of Congress to serve as Chair of the House Rules Committee. Rep. Slaughter released the following statement following her election:

**"I am truly honored to have been given this historic opportunity by Leader Pelosi and by my Democratic colleagues,"** Rep. Slaughter said. **"As Chairwoman of the Rules Committee, I am going to work to restore civility, responsibility, and accountability to the political process in the House of Representatives. A healthy political process means that Congress will spend its time doing what it should be doing: working in the interest of the American people."**

**"My fellow Democrats and I are committed to passing a new ethics bill that will take a serious stand against corruption in Congress,"** Rep. Slaughter continued. **&q**

“We’re committed to a new agenda: to standing up for middle-class Americans, increasing our national minimum wage, curbing our dependence on foreign oil, and finding a solution to the problems we face in Iraq.”

“Washington’s new Democratic leadership is dedicated to keeping the promises we have made and giving America a Congress it can be proud of again.”

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